

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A convertible top for a vehicle having a windshield header, the convertible top comprising:
a flexible fabric cover having at least one pocket formed about a
5 portion of the perimeter of the cover;
at least one cable disposed in the pocket, each cable having an anchoring end;
a spring clip having a first leg that is secured to the anchoring end of the cable in axial alignment with the end of the cable;
10 a one bow that is selectively secured to the windshield header when the convertible top is in an extended position; and
wherein the spring clip is connected to the one bow and has a flexure portion that applies an axial biasing force to the end of the cable pulling the cable towards the windshield header when the convertible top is in the extended position.
- 15 2. The convertible top of claim 1 wherein the spring clip is a rod spring clip having a hook that is secured to the one bow and the flexure portion is a transversely extending length of the rod spring clip that extends between the hook and the first leg.
- 20 3. The convertible top of claim 2 wherein the rod spring clip includes a U-shaped portion that is disposed between the hook and the flexure portion.
4. The convertible top of claim 3 wherein the one bow defines a receptacle that receives the U-shaped portion of the rod spring clip.
- 25 5. The convertible top of claim 1 wherein the spring clip is a rod spring clip having a hook that is secured to an opening in the one bow.
6. A spring attachment clip for a cable of a convertible top cover that is secured to a one bow of a top stack, the spring attachment clip comprising:

a leg attached to a cable end in axial alignment with an end of the cable;

a retainer integrally formed on the spring attachment clip that is received by the one bow; and

5 a spring portion formed in the clip between the retainer and the leg that provides a biasing force on the cable to tighten the cable when the top stack is in an extended position, wherein the spring portion is not a helical spring.

7. The spring attachment clip of claim 1 wherein the spring attachment clip is a rod spring clip and the retainer is a hook that is secured to the one bow and the spring portion is a transversely extending length of the rod spring clip that extends between the hook and the leg that is attached to the end of the cable.

8. The spring attachment clip of claim 7 wherein the rod spring clip includes a U-shaped portion that is disposed between the hook and the spring portion.

9. The spring attachment clip of claim 8 wherein the one bow defines a receptacle that receives the U-shaped portion of the rod spring clip.

10. The spring attachment clip of claim 6 wherein the spring clip is a rod spring clip and the retainer is a hook that is secured to an opening in the one bow.

11. The spring attachment clip of claim 6 wherein the spring clip is attached to the cable by a sleeve crimp connector.

12. A convertible top for a vehicle having a windshield header, the convertible top comprising:

25 a flexible fabric cover having at least one pocket formed about a portion of the perimeter of the cover;

at least one cable disposed in the pocket, each cable having an anchoring end;

a spring clip formed in one piece from a rod to have a first leg that is secured to the anchoring end of the cable to apply a tensioning force to the end
5 of the cable, the spring clip also being formed to have a clip portion;

a support member that is selectively secured to the windshield header when the convertible top is in an extended position; and

wherein the spring clip is connected to the support member and wherein the spring clip is resilient and has a portion disposed between the anchoring
10 end and the clip portion that applies an axial tensioning force to the end of the cable pulling the cable towards the windshield header when the convertible top is in the extended position.

13. The convertible top of claim 12 wherein the portion of the spring clip that applies a tensioning force to the end of the cable includes a U-shaped
15 portion and a transversely extending portion that are disposed between the clip portion and the anchoring end.

14. The convertible top of claim 13 wherein the support member defines a receptacle that receives the U-shaped portion of the rod spring clip to locate the clip portion relative to the transversely extending portion on the
20 supporting member.